

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: Chair Tom Berry, on January 27, 2015 at 8:30 A.M., in Room 172 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Tom Berry, Chair (R)
Rep. Ryan Lynch, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Daniel R. Salomon, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Christy Clark (R)
Rep. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Rep. Chuck Hunter (D)
Rep. George G. Kipp III (D)
Rep. Mike Lang (R)
Rep. David (Doc) Moore (R)
Rep. Mark Noland (R)
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)
Rep. Christopher Pope (D)
Rep. Vince Ricci (R)
Rep. Scott Staffanson (R)
Rep. Tom Steenberg (D)
Rep. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Willis Curdy (D)
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)
Rep. Tom Richmond (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Karen Armstrong, Committee Secretary
Pat Murdo, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 258, 1/22/2015; HB 259, 1/22/2015

00:00:01 Chairman Berry

HEARING ON HB 259

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:29 Rep. David (Doc) Moore (R), HD 92, opened the hearing on HB 259, Revise reqts. regarding vehicle titles & auto dealers, wholesalers, auctions.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:04 Jimmy Brown, President, Montana Independent Auto Dealers Association (IADA)
00:04:28 John Hamrell, Past Executive Director, Montana Independent Auto Dealers Association (IADA)
00:07:04 Rep. Richmond arrived.
00:38:10 Rep. Hunter left the meeting.
00:13:27 Owen Kelley III, Executive Director, Montana Independent Auto Dealers Association (IADA)
00:15:02 Gordy Bentz, Automotive Finance Corporation (AFC)
00:18:28 Nels Pearson, Auto Auction of Montana

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:23:21 Rep. Ricci
00:23:54 Gordy Bentz, AFC
00:24:46 Rep. Lynch
00:25:13 Rep. Moore
00:25:22 Rep. Lynch
00:25:42 Jimmy Brown, IADA
00:26:38 Rep. Welborn
00:27:33 Rep. Moore
00:28:12 Chairman Berry
00:28:18 Rep. Welborn
00:28:33 Jimmy Brown, IADA
00:28:57 Rep. Richmond left the meeting.
00:29:05 Rep. Lang
00:29:27 Jimmy Brown, IADA
00:29:59 Rep. Lang
00:30:03 Rep. Olsen
00:30:49 Rep. Lang left the meeting.
00:31:02 Jimmy Brown, IADA
00:31:07 Rep. Olsen
00:31:23 Jimmy Brown, IADA
00:31:43 Rep. Lang returned to the meeting.
00:32:10 Rep. Olsen
00:32:30 Jimmy Brown, IADA
00:33:21 Rep. Olsen

00:33:36 Jimmy Brown, IADA
00:33:41 Rep. Olsen
00:34:11 Jimmy Brown, IADA
00:34:55 Rep. Pope
00:35:31 Jimmy Brown, IADA

Closing by Sponsor:

00:36:50 Rep. Moore

00:36:56 Rep. Hunter returned to the meeting.
00:37:29 Chairman Berry

HEARING ON HB 258

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:37:46 Rep. Kathleen Williams (D), HD 61, opened the hearing on HB 258, Authorize benefits corporations.

[EXHIBIT\(buh18a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(buh18a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(buh18a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(buh18a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(buh18a05\)](#)

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[EXHIBIT\(buh18a07\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(buh18a08\)](#)

00:54:53 Rep. Clark left the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:57:37 Sen. Mary McNally

[EXHIBIT\(buh18a09\)](#)

01:00:02 Rick Edwards, Montana Economic Developers Association (MEDA)

01:01:12 Chad Oster, Information Technology Manager, West Paw Design, Bozeman

01:02:35 Christian Dietrich, Attorney, Helena

01:08:43 Rep. Curdy arrived.

01:09:39 Amy Schumann, Public Relations Manager, West Paw Design, Bozeman

[EXHIBIT\(buh18a10\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(buh18a11\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(buh18a12\)](#)

01:11:32 Ed Bartlett, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)

01:11:52 Kevin Hamm, Founder, Treasure State Internet

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:13:24 Tim Busby, Business Operations Supervisor, Secretary of State's Office (SOS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:13:39 Rep. Staffanson
01:14:19 Christian Dietrich, Attorney
01:14:29 Rep. Staffanson
01:14:54 Christian Dietrich, Attorney
01:15:32 Rep. Staffanson
01:15:56 Christian Dietrich, Attorney
01:16:49 Rep. Staffanson
01:17:35 Christian Dietrich, Attorney
01:18:15 Rep. Hunter
01:19:36 Christian Dietrich, Attorney
01:20:08 Rep. Fitzpatrick
01:20:37 Christian Dietrich, Attorney
01:21:39 Rep. Fitzpatrick
01:22:10 Christian Dietrich, Attorney
01:22:20 Rep. Pierson arrived.
01:23:08 Rep. Fitzpatrick
01:24:02 Christian Dietrich, Attorney
01:26:42 Rep. Noland
01:27:07 Christian Dietrich, Attorney
01:27:39 Rep. Williams
01:28:15 Rep. Fitzpatrick
01:29:53 Christian Dietrich, Attorney
01:31:08 Rep. Fitzpatrick
01:31:58 Christian Dietrich, Attorney
01:32:43 Rep. Staffanson
01:33:31 Christian Dietrich, Attorney
01:34:50 Rep. Fitzpatrick
01:35:34 Christian Dietrich, Attorney
01:36:07 Rep. Lang
01:36:35 Christian Dietrich, Attorney
01:37:19 Rep. Lang
01:37:28 Christian Dietrich, Attorney
01:37:36 Rep. Pope
01:38:32 Christian Dietrich, Attorney

Closing by Sponsor:

01:39:38 Rep. Williams

01:44:11 Chairman Berry

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:44:50

Karen Armstrong, Secretary

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